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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 3: paragraph d), amend as indicated below:

from the evaluations of the progress determined, evaluations of the progress for those time sections of

$$D^{*}(t) = \frac{(t_{n}-t) \cdot D(n-1) + (t-t_{n-1}) \cdot D(n)}{t_{n}-t_{n-1}}, t \in [t_{n-1}, t_{n}]$$

$$D^{*}(t) = \frac{(t_{n-1}) \cdot D(t_{n-1}) + (t - t_{n-1}) \cdot D(t_{n})}{t_{n} - t_{n-1}} , t \in [t_{n-1}, t_{n}]$$

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being calculated by interpolation, for which reference values are available,

Page 4: paragraph f), amend as indicated below:

from the similarity dimensions for all reference values, those reference values being determined, which have a high similarity in the mathematical sense, such as the

greatest similarity:

$$\frac{A^* = \max_{j=1,\dots,J} \{A_j\}}{\sum_{j=1,\dots,J} A_j}$$

$$A^* = \min_{j=1,\dots,J} \{A_j\}$$

positive alternative (+):

$$A^{+} = \min_{j=1,\dots,J; A_{j} \neq A^{*}; R_{j}(\iota_{N}) > D(\iota_{N})} \{A_{j}\}$$

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negative alternative (-):

$$A^{-} = \min_{j=1,\dots,J; A_{j} \neq A^{*}; R_{j}(t_{n}) \leq D(t_{n})} \{A_{j}\}$$

with subsequent output of the type description as text component for describing the situation;

Page 9: paragraph d), amend as indicated below:

From the evaluations of the progress obtained, evaluations of the progress for those time intervals of

$$D^*(t) = \frac{(t_n - t) \cdot D(tn - 1) + (t - t_{n-1}) \cdot D(n)}{t_n - t_{n-1}}, t \in [t_{n-1}, t_n]$$

$$D^{\bullet}(t) = \frac{(t_{n} - t) \cdot D(t_{n-1}) + (t - t_{n-1}) \cdot D(t_{n})}{t_{n} - t_{n-1}} , t \in [t_{n-1}, t_{n}]$$

are calculated by interpolation, for which reference values are available;

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Page 10: paragraph f), amend as indicated below:

from the similarity dimensions for all reference values, those reference values are determined, which have a high similarity in the mathematical sense, such as the

greatest similarity:

$$- \underbrace{A^* - \max_{j=1,...,j} \{A_j\} - 0.00}_{}$$

$$A^* = \min_{j=1,\dots,j} \{A_j\} = 0.00$$

positive alternative (+):

$$A^{+} = \min_{j=1,...J; A_{j} \neq A^{*}; R_{j}(t_{N}) > D(t_{N})} \{A_{j}\} = 0.03$$

negative alternative (-):

$$A^{-} = \min_{j=1,...J; A_{j} \neq A^{*}; R_{j}(l_{n}) < D(l_{n})} \{A_{j}\} = 0,06$$